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April 27, 2011

MTA Board of Directors  
One Gateway Plaza  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Board Members:

As the chairman of the Assembly Committee on Utilities and Commerce, I am pleased to support the Crenshaw/LAX rail line as another positive public works project for my district and constituents. Nonetheless, I am writing to urge that you support the proposal before the Metro Board of Directors to place the Crenshaw/LAX rail line below-grade in Park Mesa Heights, and that a Leimert Park station at Vernon Avenue be included in the route.

Running the train at street-level through Park Mesa Heights will not only endanger pedestrians, including students at Crenshaw High, View Park Charter High and View Park Middle Schools as the California Public Utilities Commission commented on October 28, 2009, but will also harm businesses by removing parking and landscaping and increasing traffic gridlock. Furthermore, an at-grade train will run slower and keep the rail line from attracting the most passengers possible.

In addition to running below-grade, the Crenshaw/LAX rail line must serve Leimert Park, a cultural gem in the city and the most important commercial center along the route. Failing to build a station at Vernon Avenue would bypass one of the most attractive destinations from the rail line and limit neighborhood revitalization opportunities.

I strongly support the motion and I look forward to its implementation. If you need any additional information, please contact Darryn Harris at 310-412-6400 or [Darryn.Harris@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Darryn.Harris@asm.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven Bradford", with a stylized, flowing script.

**STEVEN BRADFORD**  
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